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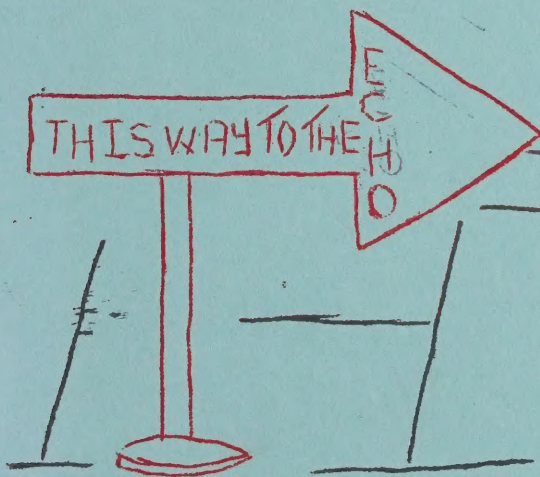
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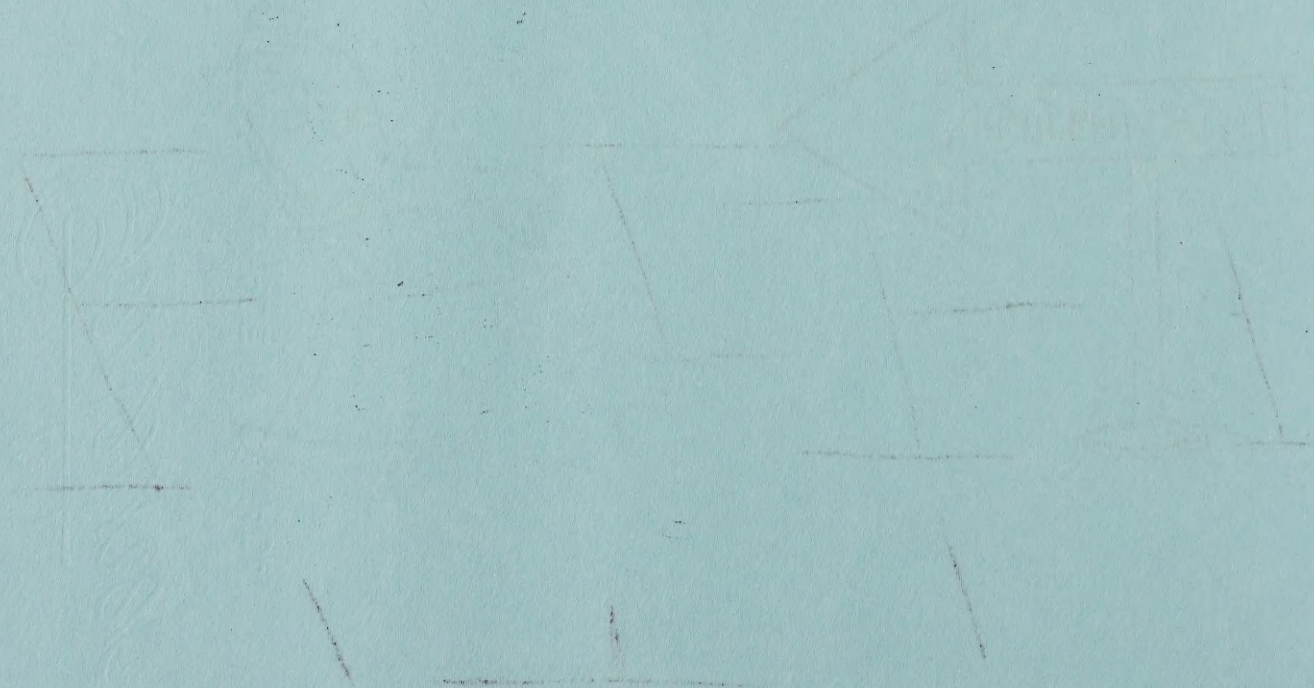
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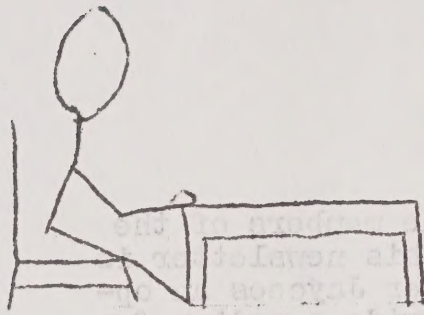


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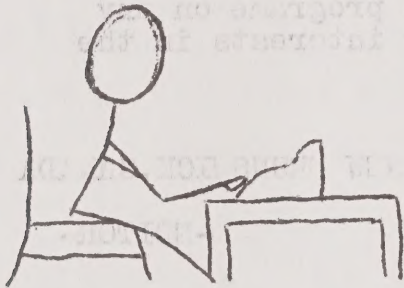
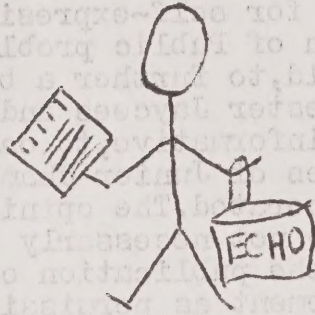
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EDITORIAL

FINALLY, AFTER MOST THREE MONTHS OF LAST MINUTE DELAYS, PETTY DISPUTES AND A HOST OF OTHER SIMILAR PROBLEMS, THE "ECHO" IS ONCE AGAIN BACK INTO CIRCULATION. THE QUESTION OF HOW LONG THIS NEWSLETTER WILL REMAIN IN CIRCULATION, CANNOT BE READILY ANSWERED. HOWEVER THE ARTICLES WITHIN THIS ISSUE, SHOULD PROVIDE THE READER WITH AN INSIGHT TO SEE THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM A PRISON JUDICE UNIT; ALONG WITH THE MANY PROBLEMS AND FRUSTRATIONS WHICH MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, SEEM TO WORK IN TWISTED HARMONY WITH THE MORE SOUGHT FOR GOALS. UNDOUBTLY THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL WHO ARE SINCERELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRISON FUNCTIONING OF INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THIS ONE AND LOOK FORWARD TO OBTAINING AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE INSIDE THE WALLS, AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS THE MAIN REASON FOR PUBLISHING THIS NEWSLETTER; TO TRY AND BRIDGE THE COMMUNICATION GAP BETWEEN THE MEN INCARCERATED AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED AND WANT TO HEAR THE OTHER END OF THE STORY. ANYHOW, THIS NEWSLETTER IS OPEN TO BOTH THE MEN OF THIS INSTITUTION (NOT JUST INMATES) AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE PRISON SYSTEM, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER AND HELP MAKE ITS EXISTENCE A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED, YOU AREN'T CONCERNED, OR IF YOU ARE CONCERNED BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING CAN, AND WOULD BE HELPED BY THE EDITOR OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THEN YOU CAN WRITE TO THE EDITOR ENTITLED "EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PRISONS, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!" NEVERTHELESS OUR OBLIGATION IS TO ENSURE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER SERVES AS AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER AND YOUR OBLIGATION IS TO HELP US DO SO BY TELLING US OF YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER. WITH THAT; WE SHALL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU! NEXT MONTH????????

- EDITOR - P G YELLES

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DORCHESTER JAYCEES

JAYCEE CREED

We believe

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations,

That economic justice can best be won through free men through free enterprise,

That government should be of laws rather than of men,

That earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.



DORCHESTER JAYCETS
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(as of March, 5, 1974)

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Total* 60*

PRIZE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce the following prizes which will be available to winners in Prison Arts:

To be awarded as tuition fees to students at universities, community colleges or schools, to entrants who wish to further their education.

\$1,000.00 - The Mary S. Hellyer Scholarship

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Eligibility for Society of Canada
Eligibility for groups across Canada participation in this award, whose amount will be announced later.

Bellmark Cards Awards for Painting

Three awards are offered by Bellmark Cards for winning paintings:
\$250.00 (first), \$150.00 (second), and \$100.00 (third). The awards are given on the understanding that the reproduction rights are in-
clusive and the artist agrees to let Bellmark Cards use the winning works
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april, 1974

PRISON ARTS 74 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce the following prizes which will be available to winners in Prison Arts 74:

SCHOLARSHIPS

To be awarded as tuition fees for courses at universities, community colleges or schools, to entrants who wish to further their education:

\$1,000.00 - Chubb Industries Limited

\$1,000.00 - The Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation

AWARDS

Canadian Penitentiary Service

The artist whose work is selected for reproduction on the Canadian Penitentiary Service Christmas card will be awarded \$250.00, which will include the purchase price of the entry, and exclusive reproduction rights.

Ontario Ministry of Correctional Service

An award of \$100.00 will be made to the inmate of an Ontario provincial institution whose work is selected to win this prize.

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs

Fine arts awards of \$500.00 (first), \$300.00 (second), and \$200.00 (third) will be made to winning status Indian entrants, for the purpose of obtaining materials and supplies. The awards are offered by Cultural Development Division, Education Branch, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Elizabeth Fry Society of Canada

Elizabeth Fry groups across Canada participation in this award, whose amount will be announced later.

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Prison Arts Continued,

John Howard Society of Canada

An award of \$100.00 is to be made by the John Howard Society of Canada for artistic excellence in any category in Prison Arts 74.

St. Leonard's Society of Canada

\$50.00 award is offered by the St. Leonard's Society of Canada for artistic excellence in any category in Prison Arts 74.

Tandy Leather Company of Canada Limited

A credit voucher for \$50.00, which can be redeemed in merchandise at any of their stores, is offered by the Tandy Leather Company for a winning entry in leatherwork.

Warner-Lambert Canada Limited

Three awards of \$100.00 each are offered by the Warner-Lambert company for winners in the categories of arts, writing and crafts.

Xerox of Canada Limited

Two awards of \$50.00 each will be offered by Xerox of Canada for winners in the arts category, to enable the artist to purchase supplies for the development of their hobby.

Announcements of any further Prison Arts 74 awards will be made at a later date.

Entry forms may be obtained at the institutions, or through our office:
Prison Arts 74, 143 Fifth Ave., Brantford, Ontario N3S 1A3

Presidents Report.

Our unit is unlike most Jaycee units because you see, we are a prison unit and our membership is made up from the outcasts of Society.

A prison unit, like all units, has it's ups and downs but unlike other units, a prison unit must stand alone for there is no one willing to lend a helping hand in time of need.

Our unit has stood the test of time and hardships and we have stood tall where many would have fallen. Yes, ~~we are a prison unit~~ made up from the outcasts but the one important thing that ~~society~~ seems to forget when they hear the word prison is that we are men and we have pride.

Though Society has turned it's back on us, we have not turned our backs on it. In times of need, we have reached out and given of ourselves to those of need. One of our ~~most known~~ projects is the Needy Family Project, and there is also the project called Toys for Tots.

I have been a member of this unit for almost 18 months and though there have been times when this unit was so low in moral that bets were being made that we would fold; the ~~one outstanding~~ thing is that we have never given up and because of this, we are a strong unit.

It takes hard work to make anything a success and because of the ~~work done~~ by such men as:

P. Yeates	T. Lordie	J. Mac Donald
D. Worth	L. Pretty	M. Mac Donald
D. Towler	G. Nixon	J. Osborne
S. Lake	W. Coneau	T. White
A. McLeod	J. LeBlanc	V. DeBarletta
B. Debais	E. Bowser	P. Thompson
C. Tingley	L. Harvey	S. Boudreau
F. Oliver	D. Milgaard	M. Gagnon

and the many others whose names are not here. Our unit is truly a success working together with an understanding that we must help each other. Our unit is made up of 69 men and each of them are involved in one way or the other.

President's Report continued-

Our main concern is to be beneficial to the entire population for this is the society in which we live; such things as Family Visits, Youth Speak, Leadership in Action, Photos and Encounter are but a few projects we hope will benefit the men in our society.

Another main concern of ours is to find ways to open doors so that we and the free world may have a better understanding of each other. Because we are in prison, we are limited to how far we can go, so many of the steps that must be taken in order for this understanding to come about must be taken by you of the free world.

The men of this unit have every reason to be proud of the things they have done and of the things they are now working on. They have to face each delay, each let-down and each hardship with an inner courage that cannot be explained by my simple words.

As the President of this unit, I would like to take this time to **thank** each man for the honour of working with each of you and for allowing me to become known as a part of you.

Your President,

Donnie Le Blanc
Dorchester Jaycees.

MEMORANDUM

With International Night just around the bend, it talks in the air of Dorchester Jaycees Becoming full Charter and an all out effort by the membership to get our Unit on the "GO"; Let it not be said the Dorchester Jaycees are " " .

Now that our Newsletter "The WJHO" is once again available to you, look forward to hearing from us on a regular basis. This newsletter is our main means of communication to you, the public, and we hope to provide an interesting relationship between us. Our only request of you is that you think of us as men, who are making an honest attempt to improve a world where improvement is desired, by man.

Needless to say, the Penal System is by far the major area in which we are truly concerned, obviously because we live within the confines of a prison. Also needless to say lies the fact that the **present** system simply doesn't work.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of our Unit; one and all for the "faith" they have displayed in the Executive members of our Unit; by voting us into office. Thank you again.

Yours in Jaycees

Paul G. Meates
Vice-President
Dorchester Jaycees.

Secretary-Treasurer's
Report

The Dorchester Jaycees have just finished once again the Portrait Project and although we didn't derive at the profit we had hoped to, we did bring in around \$90.00 for the Unit. Where as last year this project was for only the inmates of this institution and this year we included the Family Visits it would seem that all those having their photos taken were quite satisfied with the Photos.

Our present Balance is not available due to the Accountant from Ottawa being here and looking things over, we did have at the end of January a balance of \$200.80, but this amount has been lowered with the purchase of materials needed for the Family Visits (film-Flash)

I am pleased to say that the unit has come to gather again and there seems to be a very honest show of concern for the unit and it's members by all concerned. I would like to thank the Family Visits Committee for the work they put into the last visit and if the rest are like the one we were there to take the photos at then there can never be any dissatisfaction shown by any body. (Keep up the good work men)

For those that are not in the know, I David Towler have been nominated and will run for one of the Regional Directorships this year, unless some great power thinks I'm not allowed to being as I'm a member of Dorchester Jaycees and also a member of Bridgeview 1972-73 under full charter.

I ask that those that have followed my activities in this Regime remember these and when it comes to elections in May at Kentville give me your vote. We the Jaycees always say we are the first to do something, so lets give a vote for those that are behind the walls and be the first once again. I honestly believe that I can handle any and all responsibility that may be given to me if elected to this Directorship.

Well, we have International Night coming up on April 27th and I look forward to seeing all the locale units here at that time, so until then I remain,

Yours in Jaycees

David Towler
David Towler, Unit Secretary
Dorchester Jaycees

DIRECTORS REPORT

Blair DeBaie

General meeting, March, 19/74 :

we had as guests, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Buchanan; Mr. Sanford Manson; and last but not least, Mr. Dennis Chipman. Bob presented us with talks on "Life Skills"; which he also teaches within the school, here at Dorchester. Sanford and Dennis provided us with information concerning the Organizational Structure of JCI and also on Jaycee Orientation.

General meeting, March, 24/74: as guests we had, Mr. Pat Gillespie; Mr. Wayne Theriault; Miss Helda Cooper and our Liaison, Dennis Chipman. Pat who is a member of district 15 School Board, spoke on matters related to the school system. Wayne who is a Guidance Counselor and formerly from the U.S. of A., provided us with a speech on many of his past experiences dealing with the various lines of work he had previously devulged into.

General meeting, April, 2/74: our guests were, Barb and John Unroe. Barb is co-ordinator for Unison, a group working with the wives of men who are incarcerated, explained to the Unit the purpose of the group; how they function and many of the ideas they have come up with and are hoping to achieve. Bob works with the National Parole Service and discussed, with the Unit matters dealing with the Parole Service.

On behalf of the entire Unit, I extend our sincere thanks to all our guests. All of you have provided us with interesting and much needed information. We're also looking foreward to seeing you all in the near future.

**** My general feeling on the committees under my directorship, is that all are progressing rapidly and I am very pleased to be working with the men who make up these committees. To the men of the New Projects Committee and the House and Programs Committee; Thanks!; for your many ideas and especially for each of your individule; dedication to Our Jaycee Unit. Be back again next month. See you all then.

Director's Report...

As one of the Directors of the Dorchester Jaycees, I have seen us faced with a few problems in the past. But, I suppose this is typical of any group or organization. However, lately I have seen **fewer** problems. This is not because we have brushed them aside, but we have solved these problems. I can really see this group progressing but I also hope that every one of us realize that we still have room for improvements. I have several committees and projects under me and feel that the men involved in these are putting forth their utmost concern and effort. Some of these are:

Membership and Awards Committee-

We have come up with a point system for evaluating members of the unit for awards.

Constitution Committee-

We are trying to inform the members of the unit of the By-laws and structure of our Constitution.

International Relations-

We are both receiving and sending correspondence to J.C. units through out the world.

Yours in J.C.'s

Chris Tingley

"YOU, TOO, CAN BE A GREAT CANADIAN JAYCEE UNIT" from Weekend Magazine

"YOU, TOO, CAN BE A GREAT CANADIAN JAYCEE UNIT
(a poem)

The Dorchester Jaycees are
re-awakening (this is the Age of Aquarius)
and it is our desire
to establish contact with every
Jaycee Unit in Canada.

We feel
this is worthwhile
because one of the aims of Jaycees is
Fellowship!!!

We would like to raise our
awareness
by knowing more about you, if
you will oblige?!!

A poem sent
is a poem recieved
is a poem shared
is Fellowship!!!

Dorchester Jaycees
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Letter from a young convict to a judge

Dear Judge:

When I stood before you that day in court, you said some stirring things to me. For one thing, you stated that I should be ashamed of myself for the way I avoided my duties and obligations towards society. Later, you spoke of your interest in my possible rehabilitation, and you said something to the effect that the real purpose of imprisonment is to reform, rather than punish. Then you handed me the two-year sentence I am now serving.

Sir, I have been in prison for over eight years in four trips and I have kept hoping I would see you so that I could tell you about the progress I am making. But I have never seen you around this prison at all, and from what I learn, neither has anyone else. In fact, I have been advised that you have never set foot in here in your life! I was amazed to learn this. The way you spoke so learnedly of penology, rehabilitation, and so on, I naturally figured you must have known what you were talking about. Otherwise, how could you have possibly known just what was best for me or for the community? However, since it is rather obvious that you know nothing whatever about this prison, except for what you read in the papers or through gossip, I am curious to learn just how you arrive at your sentences. How can you possibly know just how long it may take to reform a person in here?

It is kind of funny, in a sad way, An auto mechanic must know something about cars; a carpenter must know something about building; but it seems that a judge - a man who deals with the lives of other human beings doesn't have to know anything at all about the place to which he sends people to be reformed! I guess all a judge has to know is courtroom procedure, a few legal phrases, and the limits of sentences.

Begging your pardon, sir but it is kind of hard for me to work up much respect for such apathy and indifference.

Sincerely yours,

Young convict gone old

THIS SPACE RESERVED

.....for your comments.

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That's it for this
issue. See you all
next month???

- EDITOR -

WHAT IS REHABILITATION?

It is ironical, don't you think, that a penology system bent on rehabilitation tears the victim from his family and hastens it's dissolution. Without the support of those close to us, how can we help but be demoralized. Then when the inmate of any given institution tries to do something about it, they seem to get more hassle than, what is humanly necessary. This causes a person to ask, "Just what is rehabilitation anyway?" "What does it mean to the public?" "What does it mean to the Government Heads?"

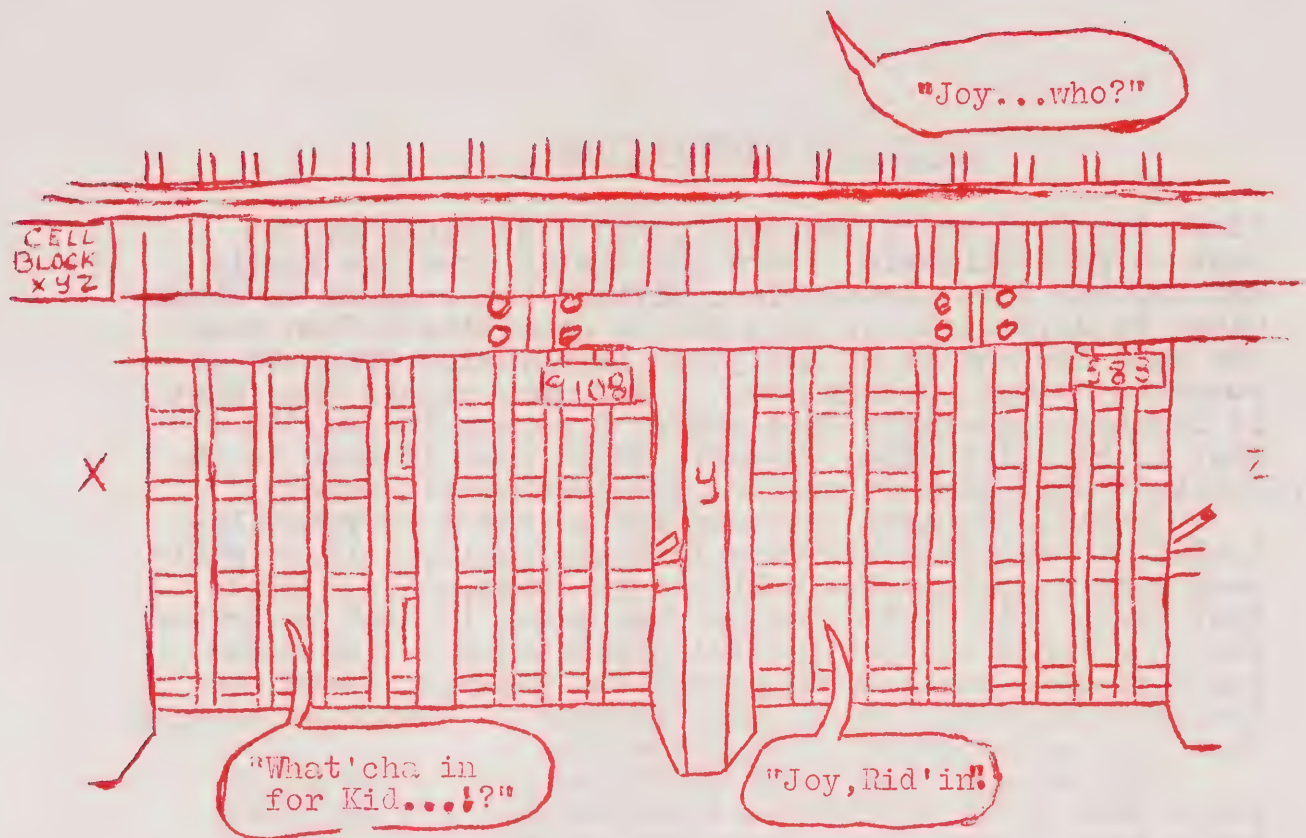
Myself, I believe the main key to any mans rehabilitation, is in helping him to matain his family unit, at whatever cost necessary. The public pays taxes, so in a sense they are buying protection. So when a man is sent to prison for an offence, the public, feel protected. But they never think, if this man goes to prison and possibly loses his family through the ordeal, that instead of buying protection that they were actualy buying trouble.

Does anyone ever think about the good young human lives with a lot of intellect and talent that are just lying around some prison, wasting away? Not because they went wrong; because I don't believe anyone, just goes wrong. I believe our institutions are at fault. People are driven to crime, because of frustration, desparation, deprivation, despair, and a host of other reasons; not necessarily because of some character defect or underlying pathology and all that other nonsense that social workers, criminologists, penologists and psychistrists, try to lay on us. That is why prisons don't work. It's not the people who cause crime, but the institutions, (economic, political and social) which drive them to it. Just look at the state the world is in today, then stop and really think about it. Also remember the protection you got, by non being sent to prisons, is only temporary. So why not really try for rehabilitation and make the word mean something, instead of a word to put down on paper, which now means.....
...REHABILITATION! .. HA!

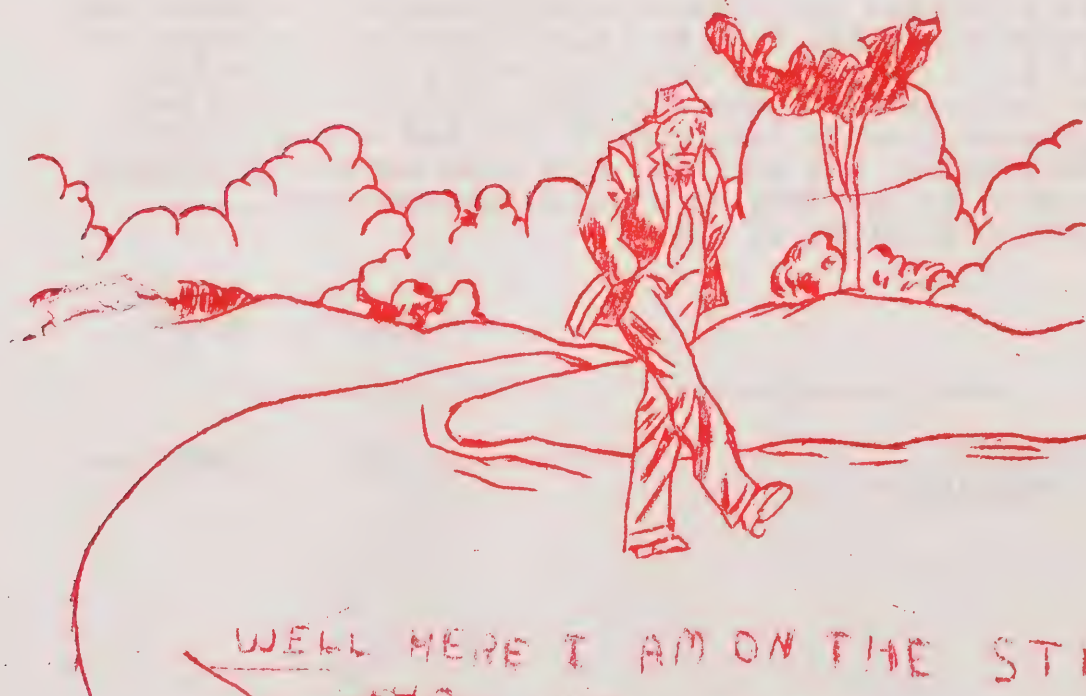
by: B.K.DeBaie
for: "The Echo"

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If at first you don't succeed, try... try.... ~~again~~....
....."WELFARE!"



*Presenting
Back and Forth*



EDUCATION AT DORCHESTER

by Gordie Wilson

The Education Program here at Dorchester starts right from scratch, helping the students involved, who can't read or write, to do so. Then the student goes right up the line, learning the different grade levels, up to and including grade ten, for which he receives a certificate. After a student has completed grade ten, he can then go on to grades eleven and twelve which is also included within the Education Program here at Dorchester.

There are seven teachers present, in case the students need them. Courses are of a special up-grading type, which utilizes the concept of individual instruction.

The program is run by an Educational organization called, The Menrancook Institute. The government allows the institute, so much money on a yearly basis. Last year roughly \$100,000 went into the Dorchester Education

Six of the teachers here are from Menrancook and the other one is hired by the institution. There are four classrooms in use at the present time; one for students studying courses up to grade six, two for students taking courses up to grade ten and one for the students at the grades eleven and twelve level. At present, there are forty inmates taking part in the program.

There is also an instructor who teaches a course entitled "Life Skills", which help teach the inmate the basic skills of life, such as how to go about finding a job, how to function on the job and how to sell yourself to an employer. It also teaches ways to handle a variety of life's problems, such as family and marital problems. Thus far, the Educational program here at Dorchester has proven an over-whelming success.

There is talk of possibly, by September of this year University professors will be coming into Dorchester to teach Psychology on a full time basis to the inmates.

I've been going to school here for a little over a year and in that time I have been able to complete grades nine and ten. Presently, I am taking the grades eleven and twelve correspondence course that began in recent months. I feel it is better to use your time in a constructive way such as going to school, rather than lying back and just; Biding my Time.

THE END

QUOTE: The hardest test of life is being able to dislike someone who admires us, and to admire someone who dislikes us.

A REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

We have just about finished the necessary steps for the organization of International Night '74'. Invitations were ordered and indeed arrived. They have been filled out and are to be sent in the mail immediately. The inmate Committee has been informed of our request for use of the Auditorium on the night of April, 27, 1974. There was a public announcement over the P.A. system requesting the approval of the inmates for the International Night to be held on the 27th.

Peter Gunther, from Mount Allison University, an economist will be guest speaker and will talk about contemporary international relations. The emphasis for the evening will be placed on socialization between the inmates of Dorchester Penitentiary and the community. Music will be supplied by various inmate bands; a buffet will be prepared and inmate hobby craft will be on display and for sale.

Different segments of the mass-media have been invited to cover the speeches and topics of the guest speakers. We are hoping to be able to create the proper atmosphere for an enjoyable evening and for exchange between the participants of the evening.

To present date quite a large amount of effort has been put into this special event and we are looking forward to the opportunity to present our unit's sincere efforts in hopes to foster better understanding in the community.

Sincerely Yours

The International
Night Committee,

For Dorchester Jaycees.

speaking to as many as 600 kids at one time, hoping that their message will not fall on deaf ears. My forte or long suit is, drugs and crime, having had many years experience in this rather futile way of life I hope one day to be able to lie back and be able to say in all honesty, "Well Bob, you may have helped some kid smarten up. I certainly hope so. As you the reader know, life is not all just taking, as it has been with myself. It's nice knowing you are able to help someone else. Since I joined Youth Speak I feel decent for a change and what can be more satisfying than to know you have helped someone without being selfish or greedy; for a change. "Hell, I've been all of that and more and I'm not proud of it.

"Join something." What a joke that was to me. The only thing that I ever joined before, was a five and a ten to make fifteen-bucks, for a fix of Heroin. Or joined my hand to a gun or a knife and robbed to get more money for more dope." Yes, I joined the Devil himself." The only consolation now and in the future, is that I have finally joined something that I believe in.

"Youth Speak". As far as progress goes, every meeting I have attended, I have gained, by giving, and you know friends, it's kind of nice to know I have joined something at last. At last I have joined something. "Yes I have joined the ...HUMAN RACE.

.....a message by
Bob Haddock

* I'm Wondering *

One can only wonder how any maximum security" Institution " Jaycee Unit can function, when "Institution Policy" and "Directives" tend to hamper the "EFFECTIVENESS" of a working unit. When they bring into effect directives that "Dis-part" the Unit and in turn, Discourage members and potential members. So one can only wonder....."Can't one?!!?"

by, G Nixon

MY WISH

My wish is to be free, to be trusted and given a chance.
Only part of me is living,
My tears flow quite often because I miss life and the
love I can not get here.
My greatest wish is to be near the ones that gave me
life and the love that I dearly miss.
But these days and nights are no more and that is why
my heart bleeds with hurt for my freedom.

When days are sad and lonely, I think of the things I
truly miss. I miss the sunrise, the sounds of the farm
animals, I miss the songs of the birds. I want to see
the flowers bloom and watch the leaves on the trees grow.
I miss going for a walk in the woods to have a look at
nature. I yearn to see children to hold them in my arms
and watch them play. I miss being on the beach at night
with a full moon listening to the ocean waves speak to
me in silence. I want to go fishing and swimming, to
be alive again.

There is no love here, and to me, love is the sea
and the sky and all the warmth of a summer day. Love
is warm sand, singing seashells and pebbles that catch
the sun. Love is walking in the leaves and breathing
the things of nature, love is welcoming the sun every
morning. There is none of that here and that is why my
heart aches with sadness and tears still fall praying
for my wish to come true.

Robert Ross.

Deepest Loneliness

Have you ever been locked up in a cell at night,
when the clouds were pregnant with rain. When the
thunder rolls like voodoo drums and the lightning
snarls and strains.

Then the guards come to take the last count, through
the corridor, lit dim and dreary; Then the steel door
hangs shut and the lights go out, while about you creeps
coldness and fear. Have you ever known a stillness like
that?

As you sit on your bunk all alone, you stare at
the walls and floor, and OH! God! how you wish to be
home. You want to be out there where you can move and
have room; where you can feel the rain and a cool breeze
on your face; where there is Joy, happiness and laughter
and a beautiful woman.

But while you sit there listening to the rain fall,
your cigarettes tasteless and dry; you use to say to
yourself that this could never happen to me, the same
way one looks at death.

But now you are only a number, not a person anymore.
From the small hole in the wall you can see many things;
But no one can see the tears and hurt in your eyes, no
one can feel the pain in your heart. Oh God ! how you
wish you could die.

You wonder if there is anyone out there who is willing to give you a chance; someone who is willing to give you the love and friendship you never had. We are people with flesh and blood and we cry real tears.

Robert Ross.

A Parolee's Prayer.

Most men want to forget their mistakes and failures but help me to remember...

When I breath deepest of the air outside,
Lord, make me remember that air within walls
which always seems tainted...

If I should saunter through a park some evening,
don't let me forget the monotonous
marching to and fro, day in and day out...

When I may not be able to do many things
I shall want to do, Lord, have me remember the long hours
when I was confined to a cell and had no choice...

Before I become too inquisitive and
acquisitive, recall to me the bitter, bitter consequences
I have suffered in the past from the same trails...

And should circumstances make an unpleasant demand
upon a large part of my time, let memory
revive the period when my time was not my own to spend...

During the days that I shall have no money
for extra pleasures, Lord, have me think of the endless
years when a few cents was something to look forward to....

When I am free, Lord, I want to remember,
not forget!

News Release

CANADIAN PENITENTIARY SERVICE

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Solicitor General, the Honourable Warren Allmand, today announced a construction program to meet the needs of the Canadian Penitentiary Service in the present and the next five years.

In the past year Federal Penitentiary Population has grown 10% nationally, and as much as 20% in certain areas. This contrasts sharply with an average 4% growth rate in recent years and has led to an acute shortage of inmate accommodation. This population explosion has had serious repercussions, notably the overflow of some maximum security inmates into the medium security institutions. The shortage of segregation cells and the crowding of vocational and educational teachings areas have made inmate discipline increasingly difficult to enforce and impaired rehabilitation programs.

The Penitentiary Service cannot control, or even fully or accurately predict, trends in inmate population. Many factors affect accommodation needs: the incidence of crime, the length of sentences, the granting of paroles and parole revocations. All such factors will be taken into accounts to the extent possible as each project of the program is examined prior to final implementation. In addition, a more sophisticated method of forecasting inmate population is also being developed by the Ministry's Research and Systems Development Branch.

Based on the best information and projections available, accommodations will be required for over 12,000 inmates in 1978-79 compared to the current population of 9,200. While an overall five-year construction program based on this forecast has been laid out and approved in principle by the Treasury Board, Mr. Allmand emphasized that the Ministry of the Solicitor General will develop and support policies and measures designed to reduce the number of inmates ending up in Penitentiaries. Encouraged by the results of the Federal-Provincial Conference on Corrections, held in Ottawa last December, Mr. Allmand has approved only construction of those facilities required to meet current needs and in the immediate future.

Future planning of new institutions will be carried out in consultation with provincial governments. This was one of the areas of agreement reached at the Federal-Provincial Conference. Other included exchange of services which would permit the transfer of Federal inmates to Provincial Institutions and vice versa:

joint planning and consultation of the use of facilities to avoid duplication of federal and provincial facilities: support and development of programs to prevent persons from entering the Criminal Justice System, programs to divert persons before the stage of incarceration, and non-custodial sentencing and alternatives to incarceration. "All of these measures are potentially more effective and less costly than incarceration in provincial or federal institutions", said Mr. Allmand.

The facilities approved for construction in the fiscal year 1974-75 will meet only immediate accommodation needs. In British Columbia this includes the immediate construction of a medium security institution at Mission, as well as construction of a second security institution in the lower mainland. In the Prairie Provinces, the program provides for the construction of a medium security institution in Alberta in the Edmonton area, as well as the construction of another medium security institution in Manitoba, in the Winnipeg area. This is in addition to the Bowden Institute, near Edmonton, which the Penitentiary Service has recently acquired from the province of Alberta and is scheduled for occupancy on April 1, 1974.

The reopening on a temporary basis of certain renovated wings at Kingston has been authorized recently to meet immediate needs. The construction of a medium security institution in Ontario has also been approved, at a site yet to be determined but in reach of a densely populated area stretching southwest from Toronto to London.

The program provides for additional accommodation for medium security inmates in the Atlantic Provinces in locations yet to be determined.

The construction of regional Medical Centres as recommended by the Advisory Board of Psychiatric Consultants in the Halifax and Saskatoon areas has also been approved.

The reopening, on a temporary basis and to meet immediate and pressing needs, of existing cells in renovated wings of St-Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Laval, Quebec, has been authorized recently. In addition, the program provides for the opening of a community correctional centre in Quebec City. The program also provides for the eventual closing of some of the oldest facilities, the Dorchester, St-Vincent de Paul, Kingston and British Columbia Penitentiaries, all of which are unsuited to the requirements of modern penology.

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The Canadian Penitentiary Services previous construction program, commenced early in the sixties, brought into being seven major new institutions holding approximately 430 inmates each. These have been criticized on the grounds of size, inflexibility and remoteness from communities of inmate origin. As a result of hearings by the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on Penitentiaries in 1967, and representations from the Canadian Corrections Association and other interested parties, it was decided that no further institutions should be constructed until a study was undertaken to assess the inmate program and construction design, particularly for maximum security institutions.

In 1971, the Mohr Committee was appointed to study the design of Federal maximum security institutions in Canada. One of the main recommendations of the Committee was that the maximum security institution should be built to house an inmate population of more than 150. The committee also proposed that the buildings should be simpler in design, made up of smaller units allowing greater freedom of movement within secure perimeters. These measures are designed to facilitate rehabilitation programs, security being concentrated on the perimeter.

The Solicitor General indicated that the recommendations of the Mohr Committee had been accepted in principle by the government.

Although new institutions are urgently required, Mr. Allmand stressed that the only way to come to grips with the problems of the criminal in Canadian society is to prevent crime, and, when it occurs, find to the greatest extent possible ways to treat offenders in society rather than by incarceration.

Mr. Allmand also emphasized that the program for future years will be kept under review annually and projects may be cancelled, altered or postponed in response to changing needs and as exchange agreements with the provinces are worked out to provide for the sharing of facilities by the most economical and effective use of federal and provincial institutions.

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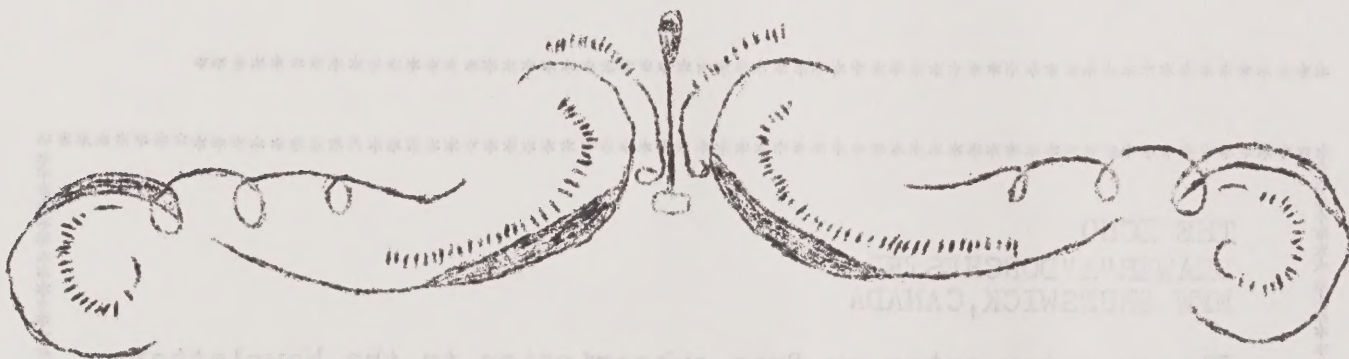
The following is a quoted excerpt from "THE PROPHET"

by, Thomas V White

Often I have heard you speak of one who commits a wrong as though he were not one of you, but a stranger unto you and an intruder upon your world. But I say that even as the holy and the righteous cannot rise beyond the highest that is in each one of you, so the wicked and the weak cannot fall lower than the lowest which is in you also. As a single leaf turns yellow but not without the silent knowledge of the whole tree, so the wrongdoer cannot do wrong without the hidden will of you all.

And when one of you falls down, he falls for those behind him a caution against the stumbling stone. Ay, and he falls for those ahead of him, who though faster and surer of foot, and yet removed not the stumbling stone.

So in closing I say let those who sinned not that the first stone.



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